THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.7129 of 2006

Dated:13.04.2006

Between:

B.Venkata Rangaiah.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

Govt.of A.P.Revenue (VO-1) Department, and others.

.....RESPONDENT

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ORDER:

The petitioner was initially appointed as Vetti of Vallipadu Village. The appointment was challenged by the sixth respondent before the appellate authority,

the fourth respondent herein, who by order dated 19.02.1998 set aside the appointment and remanded the matter to the Mandal Revenue Officer, the appointing authority. Thereafter, the Mandal Revenue Officer again appointed the sixth respondent. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner again filed an appeal before the District Revenue Officer, Nellore, who by order dated 18.04.2000 allowed the appeal and directed the fifth respondent to appoint the petitioner as Village Vetti. This order was the subject matter of a revision petition before the second respondent herein. By proceedings dated 28.11.2003, the second respondent set aside the order of the District Revenue Officer and confirmed the order of the Revenue Divisional Officer, dated 14.06.1999, whereby and whereunder the sixth respondent was appointed. The petitioner preferred yet another revision before the Government, who by Memo No.50852/VO.2/03-8, dated 23.02.2006, affirmed the proceedings of the second respondent. This writ petition is filed against the said order.

The Village Officers posts like Headman, Munsif etc., and Neerganti and Neeradi, Vetti, etc., are governed by the Andhra Pradesh Village Administrative Officers' Service Rules, 1990. Persons who hold these posts are public servants, and therefore, as held by the Supreme Court in **L.Chandra Kumar v. Union of India**, this Court has no initial jurisdiction. The Writ Petition, therefore, cannot be entertained. It shall be open to the petitioner to approach the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal.

The Writ Petition is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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(V.V.S.RAO, J)

13.04.2006

vs